

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

By the above amendment, claims 51 and 52 directed to the non-elected invention have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 53 and 54 have been amended to overcome the Section 112, first paragraph, rejections. Moreover, claims 12, 23, 25, 28, 36, 38, 42, 48, 49, 50, 53, and 54 have been amended in a manner as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejections. No new matter has been added.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, has been addressed and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted

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